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SUBJECT: ABORTIVE ATTACK ON AQP CHAIRMAN MIYAMOTO

SUMMARY: JCP CHAIRMAN KENJI MIYAMOTO ESCAPED INJURY IN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT BY KNIFE- WIELDING RIGHT- WING YOUTH IN FRONT OF KUMAMOTO AIR TERMINAL EARLY AFTERNOON MAY 13. LOCAL POLICE APPREHENDED ASSAILANT ON SPOT. NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT THIS MORE THAN ISOLATED INCIDENT. END SUMMARY.

1. MIYAMOTO HAD JUST ARRIVED BY AIR TO ADDRESS JCP RALLY AT KUMAMOTO CITIZENS HATL LATER IN DAY. ASSAILANT RUSHED AT HIM AS HE GOT INTO CAR, BRANDISHING 10 INCH LONG KNIFE AND SHOUTING QTE YOU, MIYAMOTO UNQTE. SEVEN MAN LOCAL POLICE SECURITY DETAIL APPREHENDED ASSAILANT BEFORE HE GOT CLOSE TO MIYAMOTO.

2. ONE OFFICER SUFFERED MINOR CUT ON FINGER HELPING TO DISARM ASSAILANT WHO WAS ARRESTED ON SPOT FOR ASSAULT AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF WEAPON.

3. ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL POLICE AS KAZUFUMI UDO, 22 YEAR- OLD UNEMPLOYED MALE RESIDENT OF KUMAMOTO CITY, MEMBER OF PATRIOTIC YOUTH SOCIETY (SEINEN AIKOKU TO). DESPITE UDO CLAIM TO CONTRARY POLICE REPORTED TO HAVE SEARCHED PATRIOTIC YOUTH SOCIETY OFFICE ON SUSPICION THAT ORGANIZATION

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INVOLVED IN ASSAULT.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS, UDO CLAIMS HE DID NOT INTEND TO KILL MIYAMOTO, BUT JUST WISHED TO MAIM HIM. NO SPECIFIC MOTIVATION REPORTED.

5. IN SCHEDULED APPEARANCE THAT EVENING MIYAMOTO CONDEMNED ANTI- DEMOCRATIC TERRORIST ATTACK ON LEADER OF JCP, WHICH TRYING TO BUILD BETTER JAPAN, AND SAID THAT IN DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY, JCP WOULD FIRMLY OPPOSE TERRORIST SUPPRESSION. HE CALLED POLICE TO ACCOUNT FOR ALLOWING THIS ACT OF TERROR TO TAKE PLACE. KUMAMOTO CHAPTER OF JCP ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT CRITICIZING POLICE FOR FAILURE TO DETECT ATTEMPT IN ADVANCE.

6. ATTACK CAME ONLY DAYS AFTER WARNING ISSUED MAY 11 BY IKIO TAKAHASHI, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY, TO MEETING OF SECURITY SECTION CHIEFS FROM ATL OVER JAPAN THAT PRESENTLY INACTIVE LEFT AND RIGHT EXTREMISTS COULD RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN FUTURE. TAKAHASHI NOTED THAT RIGHT- WING EXTREMISTS ARE APPEALING FOR SHOWA RESTORATION, IN REACTION TO RECENT RAILWAY STRIKES AND CURRENT TREND IN SINO- JAPAN RELATIONS.

7. COMMENT: EMBASSY NOTES PROMPT ACTION OF SECURITY DETAIL TO PREVENT ASSAULT, HOWEVER, JCP WILL PROBABLY CHARGE THAT POLICE TOOK NO STEPS TO PREVENT ATTEMPT DESPITE ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE. NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO SHOW THAT THIS ANYTHING MORE THAN ISOLATED INCIDENT.
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